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**SUBJECT: Request for Proposal / RFP #1F-22 / Procurement of 40-foot Low Floor  
Battery Electric Buses / COMMBUYS Bid# BD-22-1206-MBTA-MBTA-  
74136**

**Addendum No. 4**

Dear Bidders:

Please be advised that the above has been amended and/or clarified as shown on the attached that is made a part of herein.

Acknowledgment of this Addendum must be so noted on your proposal submittal.

**ALL ELSE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.**

Sincerely,

*Aidan Flynn*

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Sourcing Executive

Attachment

**MBTA**  
**RFP 1F-22 / Technical Specification VE21-054**

**CLARIFICATIONS**

**Question 1:**

Requesting clarification on the requirement for street-side boarding buses, as referenced in the technical specifications and, also on the price proposal. If a bus with streetside boarding is not offered by the bidder, how does this affect the proposal scoring and would it, in fact disqualify the proposal altogether.

**Response 1:**

The Authority recognizes there are no 40 foot buses configured with street side boarding that have passed Altoona tests and understands the effort required to design, build, and certify a bus for procurement using FTA funds.

RFP Section 1.1 *Invitation and Description of Work* states: *To be considered a complete and responsive Proposal, the Bidder must thoroughly address the base scope of work, Section 1.1 (A), and the scope of work for each option as outlined in Section 1.1 (B).*

***Bidders are referred to RFP Section 12.2.8 (3.b.v) which requires the respondent to provide a comprehensive explanation of their BEB with streetside boarding development, qualification, and production/delivery timeline as part of their Technical Proposal response.***

**Edit Section 1.1 (B) Invitation and Description of Work as follows in italics and bold:**

If Option 2A is exercised at Notice to Proceed, the following major project schedule milestones shall apply:

<b>Bus Numbers</b>	<b>Option 2A Delivery Timing</b>
Option 2A Pilot Buses (Nos. 1 and 2)	<del>4<sup>th</sup>-quarter calendar year 2023 and</del> At least 6 months prior to line entry of Option 2A Production Buses Nos. 3 - 35
Option 2A Production Buses (Nos. 3 – 35)	<del>4<sup>th</sup>-quarter calendar year 2024</del> Last bus delivered no later than <del>December 31, 2024</del> <b>48 months after Option 2A Notice to Proceed</b>

**Edit Section 4.3 *Delivery* as follows in italics and bold:**

Group	Description	Timing
1	Option 1 Pilot Buses (Nos. 1 and 2)	Delivery of the Option 1 Pilot Buses must be completed in the first quarter of calendar year 2024 and no later than at least six weeks prior to line entry of Option 1 serial production buses 3 - 35
2	Option 1 Serial Production Buses (Nos. 3 – 35)	Delivery must occur and be completed during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024 and no later than December 31, 2024.
3	Option 2A Pilot Buses (Nos. 1 and 2)	Delivery of the Option 2A Pilot Buses must be completed <del>in the second quarter of calendar year 2024 and six months prior to the delivery of base order production buses Nos. 3 – 45.</del> <b>in the second quarter of calendar year 2024 and six months prior to the delivery of base order production buses Nos. 3 – 45.</b> at least 6 months prior to line entry of Option 2 A Production Buses Nos. 3 - 35
4	Option 2A Serial Production Buses (Nos. 3 – 35)	<del>Delivery must occur and be completed during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024. The last bus shall be delivered no later than December 31, 2024.</del>  <b>The last Option 2A Serial Production bus shall be delivered no later than 48 months after Option 2A Notice to Proceed</b>

**Edit Section 3.3 *Performance Guarantee* as follows in italics and bold:**

Prior to the execution of a Change Order that includes the purchase of Option Vehicles (OPTION 1 or OPTION 2**B**), the Contractor must obtain and ~~present evidence to provide~~ MBTA ~~of~~ a Performance Guarantee in the amount of 12% of the total Change Order value. This Performance Guarantee must remain valid and in force until all Option Vehicles are accepted for passenger service.

**Prior to the execution of a Change Order that includes the purchase of Option 2A Vehicles, the Contractor must obtain and provide MBTA a Performance Guarantee in the amount of 20% of the total Change Order value. This Performance Guarantee must remain valid and in force until all Option 2A Vehicles are accepted for passenger service.**

**Edit Section 7.5 *Schedule of Partial Payments* as follows in italics and bold:**

- A.** The Contractor is required to submit a Proposal Price based on the following Payment Schedule for Buses:

**Edit Section 7.5 *Schedule of Partial Payments* as follows in italics and bold (*Insert new Section B*):**

**B. The Contractor is required to submit a Proposal Price for Option 2A based on the following Payment Schedule for Buses:**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Incremental Payment %</b>	<b>Total Payment %</b>	<b>Milestone Description</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>Receipt by the Authority of Option 2A bus (or equivalent configuration) Altoona passing score</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>Approval of shaker table test report of Option 2A bus (or equivalent configuration)</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>Approval: Project, Production &amp; CDR Schedules &amp; QA Program plan</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>Completion of all Design Review meetings</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>Closure of all Design Review issues</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>Acceptance of Both Pilot Buses (milestone F1 and F2 includes the price of the 2 Pilot buses)</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>81.5%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>Acceptance of Production Buses (paid in groups of 4)</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>Resolution of all open Technical, Commercial, and Administrative issues with the exception of Warranty</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>Warranty to be paid in four equal installments of 1% as noted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I-1: 1% paid 6 months following the acceptance of the last bus</b></li> <li><b>I-2: 1% paid 12 months following the acceptance of the last bus</b></li> <li><b>I-3: 1% paid 18 months following the acceptance of the last bus</b></li> <li><b>I-4: 1% paid 24 months following the acceptance of the last bus</b></li> </ul>
<b>J</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Vehicle Availability Performance pool dispersed quarterly during the two year bus evaluation period. (RFP Section 7.7)</b>

**Notes:**

- (1) RFP Section 7.5 (B) Schedule for Partial Payments applies to Option 2A ONLY**
- (2) The above “Incremental Payment %” shall be based upon the Option 2A Price plus any Optional Work Scope that is exercised by the Authority (Section 1.1), as extended for 35 buses**
- (3) Upon delivery of each bus, the Contractor shall submit a separate detailed payment invoice listing (with appropriate documentation attached)**
- (4) The Authority reserves the right to withhold individual milestone payments or some portion thereof in the event that the Authority incurs extra costs not associated with liquidated damages and such costs are directly attributable to the Contractor’s performance or lack thereof. Total extra costs for related labor, materials, equipment, and/or consultants will be withheld.**

**ALL ELSE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.**